

APPENDIX I

**GERSTLE RIVER EXPANSION AREA
APRIL 7, 1999 RAB MEETING**

Gerstle River Expansion Area

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting

April 7, 1999 6:00 p.m.

City Hall, Delta Junction, AK



Draft Meeting Agenda

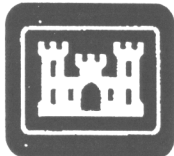
- 1.) Approve agenda
- 2.) Approve last 2 meeting minutes
- 3.) Confirm new RAB members if needed
- 4.) Present final report on last summer's verification sampling
- 5.) Discuss two recent meetings with former test officers at Dugway
- 6.) Present draft site investigation report on areas other than the impact areas
- 7.) Discuss re-analysis of SC&A geophysics report
- 8.) Status of BLM firefighting committee (RAB-formed)
- 9.) Status of Administrative Record being moved to Delta Jct. library
- 10.) Planned future actions
- 11.) Agency comments
- 2.) Date, Time, and proposed agenda Items for next RAB Meeting

EXHIBIT A

MEETING ADVERTISEMENTS

GERSTLE RIVER EXPANSION AREA

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING



DATE: Wednesday, April 7th
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PLACE: Delta Junction City Hall

US Army Corps of Engineers

Alaska District

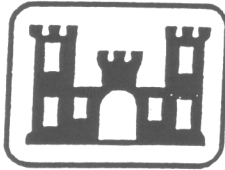
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For more information regarding this meeting, please contact:

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The public is invited to view a display case showing cleanup activities at Diehl's Shopping Center Mall at milepost 266 on the Richardson Hwy. in Delta Junction. The display case contains a brief history of the Gerstle River Expansion area, photos of field operations and items excavated during field operations in September 1998.

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Army Corps of Engineers works to eliminate concern, rumors about nerve agent munition 'duds'

Special to the Delta Wind

Submitted by ClearWater Environmental, Inc.

For the past five years Delta Junction has lived with a concern that there might be nerve agent projectile "duds" left over from 1960s Army test activities near their community.

In 1998, with the help of local citizens, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers conducted magnetometer surveys and site excavations on two test sites.

The Corps identified former test officers, foremen and munitions personnel who had worked in the actual test areas. After these former site workers explained test procedures and controls, the Corps felt safe that there were no duds at either site, and planned an excavation project to see what was under the ground.

These people were flown to the site to assist the Corps' contractor in identifying any anomalies which would be excavated and to answer any questions the members of the community may have had.

During 1998's field investigation and excavation program, members of the local Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) were given tours of the site. The members were able to question the test personnel and field excavation crews and inspect the items being excavated. These included projectile, bomblet and rocket fragments, insect repellent cans, pop cans, chains, pulleys, metal bands, tools and remnants of test equipment and electrical cables.

Of particular interest were the large buried tower anchors which

had been left in place after site cleanup operations in the early 1970s. These anchors were used to stabilize meteorological towers set up during the 1960s testing. The anchors had appeared in previous geophysical investigations to be as large as a dud munition.

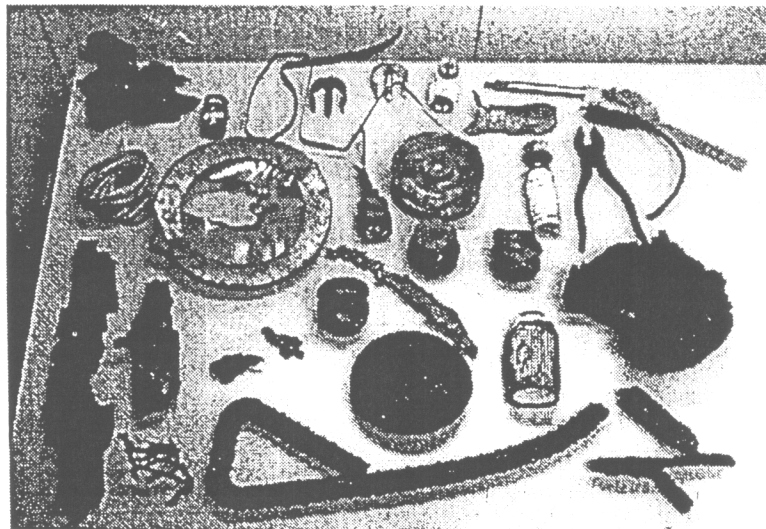
In addition to RAB members visiting the sites, local citizens were hired to assist the corps' contractors in conducting magnetometer surveys and excavations of the sites. These surveys were conducted using the latest model hand-held magnetometer metal detectors.

The investigation teams would mark each metal anomaly found with the detector with an orange pin flag for investigation by excavation crews.

At one point during the investigation, there were so many orange flags that a RAB member noted that the site looked like a field of poppies.

Every one of the anomalies located was excavated and identified. Hundreds of pounds of metal scrap were removed from the test sites and delivered to the Fort Greely landfill.

In all, the crews excavated over 12,000 anomalies with none found to be a dud munition.



EXAMPLES of items recovered during 1998 field work include: howitzer shell fragments, insect repellent cans, blasting wire, tower pieces, discarded tools, lifting plugs, and "pie pan" samplers.

EXHIBIT B

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EXHIBIT D
HANDOUTS

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Reanalysis of the SC&A Geophysical Interpretation Report

SC&A originally analyzed the Geophysical data and found the top 100 spots that could be the same size as a 155 round.

The top 100 spots were dug up last summer during the verification study

At a number of spots no metal was found

SC&A is reanalyzing the original geophysical data using information from the verification study and other previous studies

So far they have found the following reasons that no metal was found in a number of spots

- Sensor Malfunctions

- Inadequate field Quality Control

- Sensor Battery problems

- Location problems

- Analysis inaccuracies because they didn't have access to all the data

A formal report will be completed in late April.

Future Activities

Examine alternatives for reducing hazards from drums at Borrow Pit and near Admin. area

Conduct hazard reduction activities

Determine if there are any hazards at sites 9E and 10N